

ABSTRACT

AL-IIA-137

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(158)

Flintstone, Maryland vicinity

Public/private

1767/1902 (mound of stones/rebuilt)

1902 (new monument added)

Milestone No. ---(158) and its mound of stones on Tussey Mountain ridge, mark a point on Mason and Dixon's West Line 151 miles and 47 chains west of the "Post Marked West in Mr. Bryan's Field" or 148.597 miles from the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line, the boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. The monument is a dressed magnesian limestone post with a low pyramidal top; quarried and carved at the Beaver Dam Quarries in Cockeysville, Maryland; measured about 10 inches square by about 4½ feet long, cut to stand about 1½ feet high above ground (or mound), with the remainder for setting into the ground. It is in very good condition, unaltered, and is firmly set, embellished only with the capital letter P on the north side facing Pennsylvania, the year of the preliminary Mason and Dixon survey in this area (1766) on the east side, the capital letter M on the south side facing Maryland, and the year it was added to the mound (1902) during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. The mound of stones, originally erected by Mason and Dixon in 1767, is in excellent condition, having been rebuilt by the Resurvey in 1902. It now measures about 12 feet in diameter at the base by about 3 feet high at the center. This monument and mound are significant on the national and state levels primarily as among the some 248 markers in the thematic group series still visually defining the West Line. Locally, as among the 37 markers (including 9 mounds) along the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary, No. ---(158) is also significant for its identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)

HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) WEST LINE, Post and Pile of Stones marking 151 Miles and 47 Chains "from the Post Marked West in Mr. Bryan's Field"

AND/OR COMMON

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. --- (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 158)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off the west side of Dickens Trail, on Tussey Mountain ridge

CITY, TOWN

Flintstone

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VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / PA: 9

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

MD: Allegany / PA: Bedford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS N/A

PRESENT USE

☐ DISTRICT☒ PUBLIC☐ OCCUPIED☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ BUILDING(S)☐ PRIVATE☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ STRUCTURE☐ BOTH☐ WORK IN PROGRESS☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ SITE☐ PUBLIC ACQUISITION☐ ACCESSIBLE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☒ OBJECT☐ IN PROCESS☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ BEING CONSIDERED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ X not applicable☐ NO☐ MILITARY☒ OTHER: state boundary marker**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY** (monument and mound of stones only; see Thematic Group

NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)

NAME

State of Maryland / Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION (see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)

COURTHOUSE.

Liber #:

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE

Allegany County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

AL-IIA-137 entered 6/2/81

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE
Maryland 21401

7 DESCRIPTION

Survey No. AL-IIA-137

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT (mound)	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED (monument)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE (monument and mound)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD (monument)	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED (mound)	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. ---(158) is a ^{dressed} Cockeysville marble post of 1902, set into the center of a large original Mason and Dixon mound of stones of 1767, rebuilt in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. The monument measures 10 inches square and stands about 1½ feet above the mound; is in very good condition, unaltered, firmly in place; and is embellished only by the capital letter P on the north side, M on the south side, and the year 1766 on the east side, 1902 on the west side. The mound is an impressive large pile of loose stones, measures about 12 feet in diameter at the base and rises about 3 feet high in the center; is in excellent condition, slightly altered by the rebuilding, and ^{remains} at its original site.

The area here is the rugged, densely forested southern tip of the Tussey Mountain ridge (called ^{"The} Great Warrior Mountain" by Mason and Dixon in their journal). The site is within Election District 3 of Allegany County, MD, and Southampton Township of Bedford County, PA; about 1½ miles northwest of the village of Flintstone, MD; about 1250 feet east of Flintstone Creek at the Line; at a point about 1900 feet west of Dickens Trail and about 6 feet south of the old pipeline, at the north edge of a mixed forest (deciduous/pine/laurel). It cannot be seen from any road, but easily from the ^{old} pipeline, and seems protected by its remoteness. The area was preliminarily surveyed in 1766, and this ^{cairn} pile of stones heaped around a wood centerpost marked W on the west side ^{was} erected in 1767 to mark Mason and Dixon's 151 miles and 47 chains "from the Post Marked West in Mr. Bryan's Field" (about 148.597 miles west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line).

The monument, identical to 65 other monuments of 1902 set west of Sideling Hill along the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, was quarried and carved at the Beaver Dam Quarries in Cockeysville, MD, and was ^{about 4½ feet long} cut to stand about 1½ feet above ^{with the top a low pyramidal shape, and} ground, with about 3 feet for setting into the ground. The letters and numbers are blocky, ^{V-sunk} without serifs, ^{and stone set} with the P facing Pennsylvania and M facing Maryland, all horizontally-aligned as a band near the top. They are clear and intact, as are the top planes and apex; but there are series of small chips along most edges and the top northwest corner.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for full descriptions of the several styles of new monuments set in 1902 by the 1900-03 Resurvey, and the original Mason and Dixon cairns)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		boundary surveying

SPECIFIC DATES 1767 (mound)
1902 (monument)

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon
SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. ---(158) is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of the some 248 markers still visually defining Mason and Dixon's West Line, the 230.228-mile boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. This part of the Line was preliminarily surveyed in 1766, ^{the site} marked the following year ^{by a wood post} with a pile of stones around it, and the present Cockeysville marble monument added in 1902 to permanently mark the survey point, during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, as one of 37 markers (including 9 original mounds) along the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary, No. ---(158) is also significant for its identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acreQuadrangle name: Flintstone (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series (topographic), 1950 photorev. 1974, scale 1:24000UTM reference: zone 17, easting 70684, northing 439954VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY AlleganySTATE Pennsylvania COUNTY Bedford**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason and Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust and Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

9/21/81 (site surveyed)

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

TELEPHONE

(301) 472-2128

CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

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A detailed topographic map of the Flintstone area, showing contour lines, roads, and geographical features. The map includes labels for "FLINTSTONE CREEK", "HARDROCK ROAD", "GRANNYS KNOB", and "GLENDALE CH". It also shows the boundary between "BEDFORD CO ALLEGANY CO" and "PENNSYLVANIA MARYLAND". The map is oriented with North at the top and includes a scale bar indicating distances up to 708 feet. A coordinate system is visible along the top edge, with values like 706, 35', and 708.



FIG. 2.—NEW MONUMENT (NO. 158) OF 1902. MILESTONE SET IN OLD MOUND OF MASON AND DIXON (1766) ON TUSSEY MOUNTAIN, NORTHWEST OF FLINTSTONE.

VIEWS OF MONUMENTS ALONG MASON AND DIXON LINE : MILESTONE NO. — (158).

HGS, VOL. VII, 1908, Plate LXXXI (lower half)